

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Michael T. Kelly et al.
Application No. : 09/043,813
Filed : September 29, 1998
For : CYCLIC DECAPEPTIDE ANTIBIOTICS



RECEIVED

NOV 13 2003

TECH CENTER 1600/2900

Examiner : Anish Gupta
Art Unit : 1654
Docket No. : 850103.40301
Date : October 30, 2003

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

Commissioner for Patents:

In response to the Office Action dated July 30, 2003, reconsideration of the claimed subject matter is respectfully requested in light of the following Remarks and enclosures.

REMARKS

Claims 1-6 are pending herein. Applicants acknowledge the acceptance of the Request for Continued Examination of the application under 37 CFR 1.114.

Objection to Claims 1-4:

The Examiner has objected to Claims 1-4 as being informal for failing to have the corresponding SEQ.ID.NO. next to the claimed sequences therein. Applicants traverse this objection for the following reason: Claims 1-4 were amended to include the requisite SEQ.ID.NOs. in an amendment filed in the application on December 9, 1999. A copy of the amendment as filed is attached for the Examiner's review. Applicants respectfully submit that, in view of this amendment, Claims 1-4 are in compliance with 37 CFR 1.821(d). Withdrawal of this objection is therefore respectfully requested.